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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR ADDITIONAL ADDRESSEE)

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TAGS: PFOR, GE

SUBJECT: US-EAST GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS: CONFIDENTIAL LETTER

1. AT GDR INSISTENCE,

THREE SECTIONS OF DRAFT AGREED

MINUTEWERE TRANSFERRED TO CONFIDENTIAL LETTER, TEXT OF
WHICH READS: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH
WERE REACHED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
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AMERICA AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC:

(A) UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS AS WELL AS TO SPECIFIC EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THEM SHALL BE GUARANTEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL AND USUAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND ON THE SAME FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ENJOYED BY ANY OTHER FOREIGN MISSION ACCREDITED TO THEM;

(B) IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP THEIR EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN NUMERICAL BALANCE, IT IS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED THAT THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES ARE TO HAVE 50-60 STAFF MEMBERS; AND

(C) CITIZENS OF THE RECEIVING STATE AND OF OTHER STATES MAY BE EMPLOYED ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND SERVICE STAFF OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. FOR ITS PART, THE GDR WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE LOCAL STAFF AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SERVICE AGENCY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE LETTER WILL BE SENT BY CHAIRMAN OF US DELEGATION TO CHAIRMAN OF GDR DELEGATION, WHO WILL RESPOND WITH FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING⁵.

2. ACCESS PROVISION WAS SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITH GDR OBJECTING UNTIL JULY 24 TO USE OF WORD "UNIMPEDED" AND TO PROVISION ACCORDING MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT. GDR GAVE WAY ON BOTH POINTS WHEN US AGREED PUT ACCESS SENTENCE INTO CONFIDENTIAL LETTER. GDR ALSO CONFIRMED ORALLY THAT LANGUAGE IN LETTER INTENDED TO INCLUDE ACCESS TO EMBASSY CHANCERY BY ALL PERSONS HAVING CONSULAR BUSINESS TO TRANSACT.

3. IT WAS GDR THAT PROPOSED ADDING SPECIFIC FIGURES OF 50-60 AS EMBASSY PERSONNEL CEILINGS. US AGREED. MAXIMUM STAFF FIGURES COVER ALL PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES (INCLUDING SERVICE PERSONNEL.)

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4. GDR REQUESTED THAT PARAGRAPH ON LOCAL AND THIRD COUNTRY PERSONNEL BE PLACED IN CONFIDENTIAL LETTER, SINCE THIS PROVISION NOT INCLUDED IN AGREED MINUTES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO THIS SENTENCE, THERE WAS ALSO BALANCED ORAL UNDERSTANDING WHEREBY US AGREED NOT TO EMPLOY WEST BERLINERS OR WEST GERMANS AT US EMBASSY, AND GDR AGREED NOT TO OBJECT SHOULD US EMPLOY DEPENDENTS OF FORCES MEMBERS

(INCLUDING BRITISH AND FRENCH) AND THIRD COUNTRY
NATIONALS WHO LIVE IN WEST BERLIN AND WHO WOULD CROSS
WALL DAILY TO WORK. INGERSOLL

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